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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests Bird Preservation

Recommendations of the Advisory

Committee for Co-ordination

Scientific Work ~~of~~ ~~Govt~~ of India's

letter Communicated.

Copy of letter No.F.66(28)/49(SA)- dated 22nd May,1950. from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, New Delhi to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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Sub: National Section for India of the International Committee for Bird Preservation- Recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Co-ordinating Scientific Work.

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I am directed to state that the Advisory Committee for Co-ordinating Scientific Work at its meeting held on the 29th November, 1949 considered inter alia a note on the above subject (copy attached) and noted that the Mysore Government have done considerable work on this subject and therefore recommended that information on the subject of Bird Preservation in Mysore State may be obtained and circulated to State Governments, States and to Scientific Bodies.

The Government of Mysore were asked kindly to send a note regarding the work being done in that State on the Preservation of Birds and have sent the attached letter and its enclosures. This is circulated as desired by the Advisory Committee for Co-ordinating Scientific Work for information and future reference.

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Copy of letter No.AF376/Encl.3 dated 11-4-1950 from Secretary, to the Govt. of Mysore, Deptt. of Local Self-Government, Bangalore to the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Deptt. of Scientific Research, New Delhi.

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Sub: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BIRD PRESERVATION.

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Adverting to the correspondence ending with your letter No. F.66(28)/49 (SA)-25412 dated 24-3-1950 on the above subject, I am

directed to forward herewith a note (with enclosures) on Bird Preservation in Mysore, received from the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN MYSORE

1. Mysore has provided ample protection to birds and the Regulation No.2. of 1901 contains provisions for the prevention of their indiscriminate destruction. These form part of the general Game Act of Mysore, a copy of which is herein enclosed.

2. Apart from these general protection measures, between November 1939 and February, 1940, a survey of Birds in the State was undertaken and completed by Janab Salim Ali of the Bombay Natural History Society. Consequent upon this, measures were taken to establish Bird Sanctuaries.

3. At present, the following Bird Sanctuaries are established in Mysore:-

MYSORE DIVISION: Rangathittu State Forest, an island in the midst of Cauvery River about 2 mile west of Srirangapatna.

(2) Two islands called Devaraja Islands in the midst of Cauvery River about six furlongs east Krishnarajasagar Dam.

(3) One big and two small islands in the midst of Cauvery River about 8 miles east of Srirangapatna.

4. In these Sanctuaries, a Quails, partridges, jungle fowls, parrots, Karinga, Imperial pigeon, green pigeon, bulbul, common Myna and other spp of birds are being encouraged to inhabit.

5. The following special staff has been employed to look after the sanctuaries:-

(i) One temporary Forester in grade Rs.35-2-55, plus F.T.A. Rs. 5/-p.m.

(2) One Watcher on Rs.15/- p.m.

(3) 3 Watchers on Rs.11/- each p.m.

6. In order to provide shade and attraction to ~~xxxxx~~ birds, ficus cuttings and fruit plants are raised in the Sanctuary areas. In addition to the above Bird Sanctuaries we have Game Sanctuaries at Bandipur and Ha-dravati Division, where all birds and other animals are being completely conserved.

7. A copy of the Game Licence is enclosed which contains rules and protective measures to birds among other particulars.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE - FOREST DEPARTMENT

GAME LICENSE.

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(Bangalore: Printed by the Superintendent at the Govt. Press -1947).

SCALE OF FEES FOR A GAME LICENSE IN ONE FOREST DIVISION UNIT.

1. Small Game	...	Rs.10/-
2. Big Game excluding Tiger and Bison	....	Rs.25/-
3. Big Game including Tiger and Bison.	....	Rs.50/-

Note : (i) Sportsmen who are not residents of Mysore State, professional shikaris and conductors of shooting parties will be required to pay double the prescribed fee. The decision of the license issuing authority on this question will be final.

(ii) A license to shoot Big Game covers the right to shoot small game also.

(iii) A license of the lower denomination may be exchanged for that of the higher denomination on payment of the difference in fees..

(iv) Every applicant for a license in addition to paying the license fee, may be required to deposit a further sum not exceeding the value of the license applied for as security for the due fulfilment of the several conditions and provisions detailed in the license.

Should the license be lost or accidently destroyed, a duplicate, may be obtained on payment of Rupee One.

No.941.

GAME LICENSE.

This license entitles Mr .....
..... of .....
to pursue and shoot Small Game/ Big Game excluding Tiger and Bison/Big Game including Tiger and Bison in the .....
..... Division between the date of issue and 30th June .....
in consideration of the payment of Rs.....as fee and Rs.....
as deposit.

The deposit will be retained as security for the fulfilment of the conditions and profisions specified herein and will be subject to forfeiture in whole or in part for infringement of any of them. The deposit or the unforfeited balance of it, if any, will be returned after the 30th June ..... on application to the undersigned provided this license is returned with an entry of the particulars of game shot in the appended form.

Date .....
Place .....

Signature of the License-Issuing Authority and Designation.

CONDITIONS.

1. The license is not transferable.

2. The License must be shown on demand to any Forest Officer, Game Supervisor, Game or Tiger Watcher, or Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Patel and Shanbhog or to any Police Officer including Constables or the Honorary Warden of Fisheries.

3. Intimation of the intention to shoot in any State Forest should be given to the Local Range Officer before entering the Forest.

4. In State Forests, only such of the areas as have been specifically set part for the purpose and pointed out by the local Forest Staff should be used for camping. Usual precautions regarding kindling of fires, etc., should be observed.

5. The License should be returned to the License Issuing Officer after the expiry of its currency, noting therein the particulars of animals and birds shot, in the form appended.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS INSTRUCTIONS.

(For the guidance of Sportsmen)

Game Defined.

SMALL GAME:- Mousedeer, Bear, Jungle-cat, Hare, Jungle-fowl, spur-Fowl, Partridge, Grouse, Quail Pigeon, Bustard, Floriean, Duck, Teal, Goose, Snipe, Demosille Crane, Plover, Goldenn Plover.

(No birds other than those mentioned above except birds of prey may be shot)

BIG GAME:- Tiger, Bison, Sambhar, Spotted Deer, Antelope, Barking Deer and all other descriptions of Deer.

SEASON FOR SPORT.

The following birds and game animals shall not be shot during their close season which is noted against them:-

Special	Close Season
All feathered game except duck and teal.	1st March to 1st September.
Duck and teal and other Migratory birds.	1st May to 1st October.
All big game except tiger	15th June to 15th October.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED TO BE SHOT UNDER BIG GAME LICENSES.

	Species.	Number.
Big game excluding Tiger and Bison.	Sambhar, Chital, Barking Deer	Two each.
Big game including tiger and Bison.	Sambhar, Chital, Barking Deer.	Two each.
	Tiger and Bison	One each.

(note: All wounded animals counted against the license as regards bag)

PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

The shooting of the following animals is prohibited:.

(a) Elephants - Except a duly prescribed rogue or in defence of life and property.

(b) Antelope or Peafowl - On any day before the 30th June 1943 except with the special permission of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(c) Monkeys, Brahmin Kites, Parrots, Birds of Song and of bright plumage.

(d) Tigresses with suckling cubs.

(e) The female and immature males of Bison, Chital (Spotted Deer), Sambhar, Antelope, and Barking-Deer, Designated Big Game.

Note:- (i) Mature males are defined as follows in the case of the following animals:-

(a) Bison - Animals in which the widest outside span between the horns measures not less than 33" or the girth at the base of the horn measures not less than 18" or there are not less than four corrugations on the horns.

(b) Spotted Deer- Animals in hard horn, the longer horn measureing along the outer curve of the horn from the burr to the point, not less than 28".

(c) Sambhar: Animals in hard horn, the longer horn measuring, along the outer curve of the horn from the burr to the point not less than 24".

(d) Antelope - An animal with neither horn less than 15", the measurement being made in a straight line from base to tip.

(e) Barking deer- At least one of the horns should measure 3" from the pedicle.

(ii) Note -- Tigers - A tiger shot should be at least 9' in length and a tigress at least 8' in length, the measurements being taken from tip of the nose to the tip of the tail along the back (contour line).

2. The shooting of animals designated Big Game with shot or slug is prohibited.

3. The following acts are prohibited:

(a) Removal of Birds' eggs.

(b) Setting of nets, snares, traps or spring guns, the use of poison and explosives and the digging of pits to entrap or kill game.

(c) Shooting of any game at a water hole, salt lick, or from a fruit tree.

(d) Shooting of any game with the aid of artificial lights.

(e) Shooting of any game ~~with the aid of artificial lights~~ from or in the immediate vicinity of any wheeled vehicle.

(f) Shooting of big game after dusk and before dawn.

4. The capture of birds of song or of bright plumage and of any living big game except with the permission of Government.

5. Shooting is prohibited in the Game Sanctuaries.

6. Except with the previous permission of Government, the entry into with intention to shoot or the shooting of any animal or bird in the Game Preserves is not allowed.

7. Shooting of Tiger in the Tiger Preserves is prohibited.

8. The area within a radius of one mile from the outer limits of the Seringapatam Municipality is a Pigeon Preserve and shooting of Pigeons within this area is prohibited.

9. The killing of birds is prohibited in the Bird Sanctuaries.

10. Game should not be sold in any Municipal area except in accordance with the conditions of a license to be obtained from the Officer of the Municipality competent to issue the license.

GENERAL.

1. A shooting unit for which a Game License is issued is a Forest Division.

2. Not more than one license will be issued to an individual during a season in any one division.

3. It is open to a licensee to take out a license for another division on payment of the prescribed fee subject to the provision that the aggregate number of game allowed to be shot (irrespective of the number of licenses he holds) does not exceed two each of tiger and bison and four each of sambhar, spotted deer, and barking deer.

PENALTY

Breach of any of the conditions or the provisions may involve the cancellation of the license, confiscation of trophies, forfeiture of deposit and also render the offender liable on conviction to the penalty provided in Section 8 of the Mysore Game and Fish Preservation Act II of 1901, namely, fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

C. ABDUL JABBAR,
CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

GAME SANCTUARIES.

Divisions.		Sanctuary.
Mysore	.....	Venugopala Wild Life Park.
Kadur	.....	The Jager Valley and Bababudan Wild Life Sanctuary (Exclusive of Bababudangiri State Forest)

BIRD SANCTUARIES.

Division	Sanctuary.
Mysore	Ranganthittu State Forest, an island in the midst of Cauvery River about 2 miles west of Seringapatam.
	Two islands called Devaraja islands in the midst of Cauvery River about six furlong east of Krishnarajasagar Dam.
	One big and two small islands in the midst of Cauvery river about 8 miles east of Seringapatam.

GAME PRESERVES.

Division		Preserve.
Mysore	..	Kakankote State Forest.
		Begur "
		Beerambadi "
		Bandipur "
		Chamarajanagar "
Kadur		Lakkavalli
~~Shimoga~~	..	

Shimoga	The portion of Shankar State Forest which lies to the East of Shimoga Hanagere Road.
Bangalore	The water-spread of the Thippagondanahalli Reservoir in the taluks of Nelamangala and Magadi.
Kolar	The Bethamangala and Holali tanks situated in the Kolar Gold Fields Area.

TIGER PRESERVES.

Division.	Preserves.
Mysore	Puduvakote Forest Block, Manchagowdanhalli Forest Block and Bolegowdankatte Forest Block.
Kadur	Gurupur Forest Block, Hadikere West State Forest and Tiger Block-

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PARTICULARS OF GAME SHOT.

Locality	Date	Species .	Number	Measurement of Trophy.

Signature of the Licensee.

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THE MYSORE FOREST MANUAL

THE MYSORE GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION REGULATION.

(Regulation No.II of 1901)

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REGULATION NO.II OF 1901.

(Passed on the 8th Day of April 1901)

A Regulation to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of Wild Animals and Birds, and to provide for the protection of Game and Fish in Mysore.

Preamble: WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of wild animals and birds, and to provide generally for the protection of game and fish in Mysore, Her Highness the Maharani Regent is pleased to enact as follows:-

Short title. 1. (1) This Regulation may be called the "Mysore Game and Fish Preservation Regulation, 1901."

Extent and commencement. 2. (2) It shall extend to such local areas as may from time to time be specified by Government by notification in the official Gazette.

(3) And it shall come into force at the end of six months from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

"Game" defined. 2. In this Regulation "Game" means antelope, ibex, Jungle-sheep, sambhar, and all other descriptions of deer, bison, hares, jungle-fowl, spurfowl, pea-fowl, partridge, grouse, quail, wood-cock, bustard, florican, duck, and teal and shall include such other animals and birds as the Government of Mysore may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare to be game.

Absolute protection of particular classes other than "game" 3. The Government of Mysore may, from time to time by notification in the official Gazette, prohibit absolutely the killing or capture of any specified kinds of animals or birds, the killing or capture of which the Government may consider unsportsmanlike or otherwise in expedient, provided that such animals or birds do not come under the definition of "Game" for the time being in force.

Limited protection of particular classes killed for commercial purposes. 4. Whenever the Government of Mysore has reason to believe that any particular kinds of wild animals of birds whether included in the definition of "Game" or not, are being largely destroyed for the sake of their skins, horns or plumage for commercial or other purposes, it may, by notification in the official Gazette.

(a) prohibit the killing or capture of such particular kinds except under and in accordance with the conditions of a license, granted by such officer and in such form as the Government may prescribe in this behalf, and

(b) prohibit the killing or capture of such particular kinds either during a defined period of time, or within a defined area or both.

Regulation of fishing:

5(1) The Government of Mysore may, from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for the regulation and control of fishing in any stream or lake, and may, from time to time, amend or cancel any rule so made.

(2) Rules under this section may, among other matters prohibit the poisoning of the water of any stream or lake and prohibit or regulate the placing or throwing of any explosive or deleterious substance therein, and the use for the capture of fish, of fixed engines and nets of a mesh below a certain size.

Close season and protection of game and fish.

6. The Government of Mysore may from time to time by notification in the official Gazette:-

(1) fix a season or seasons in every year during which it shall not be lawful for any person within any specified local area to kill or capture, or attempt to kill or capture, game or fish of any specified kind;

(2) prohibit altogether, for any period not exceeding five years, within any specified local area, the killing or capture of game or fish of any specified kind;.

(3) prohibit absolutely the killing or capture of the mature females or immature males of females of any specified kinds of game, or the taking out or destruction of the eggs of game birds;

(4) prohibit or regulate the setting of nets, snares, traps, or spring-guns, the laying of poison or poisonous ingredients or preparations, or the digging of pits, to entrap or kill game or any specified kinds of game;

(5) regulate or prohibit, except under, and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted as provided by rules to be framed by the Government, the capture and killing of game or of any specified kinds of game;

and may, from time to time, amend or cancel such notification.

Provided that no such notification shall have effect until one month from the date of its first publicatinnin the official Gazette.

Rules about the sale of game and fish

7. The Government of Mysore may, from time to time by notification in the official Gazette, make rules regulating the sale of game and fish within any specified local area.

Penalty for certain offences.

8. Any person who wilfully kills, captures or sells, or attempts to kill, capture or sell, any animal, bird, game or fish, or does any other act, in contravention of this Regulation or of any rules or notification under this Regulation, or in contravention of any condition contained in a license granted under this Regulation or under the rules made thereunder, shall be liable on conviction to fine not exceeding One hundred rupees.

Disposal of killed or captured game or fish or weapons, etc., belonging to the offender convicted under Section.8.

9. When any person is convicted of an offence punishable under this Regulation, the convicting Court or Magistrate, may direct that the whole or any portion of any animal, bird, game or fish, killed or captured by such person and of all weapons, implements and dogs used in and for the purpose of aiding the commission of such offence, shall be confiscated, and any license granted under this Regulation to such person may be cancelled by the officer who granted such license.

Fees fines etc realized under Regulation Rewards to informants.

10. Subject to such rules as the Government of Mysore may, from time to time, prescribe, all fees and fines levied, and sums realized by the sale of property confiscated under this Regulation, shall be paid into the public treasury. But the convicting Court or Magistrate may award to any person or persons on whose

information the conviction was obtained, the whole or any portion of any fine imposed or of any sum realised as aforesaid.

Power to Forest and other officers to make arrests of offen. ders under this Regu. -lation.

11. Any Forest Officer and any other Officer or person empowered in this behalf by the Government of Mysore or by a subordinate Revenue authority to which the Government may have delegated its authority for the purpose, may arrest without a warrant any person who commits in his view any offence punishable under this Regulation or the rules thereunder, and who, on demand, refuses to give his name address or gives a name and address which there is reason to believe is false.

Exception

12. Nothing in this Regulation shall be deemed to prevent any owner or occupier of land from killing, capturing or pursuing game doing damage to any crop growing thereon, so far as the same may be necessary for the protection of the crop.

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TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL SECTION FOR INDIA OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BIRD PRESERVATION.

The Secretary of the International Committee for Bird Preservation invited India to join the International Committee and to form a National Section for Co-operation with the Inter-national Committee (Appendix I). He also sent a copy of the rules of the International Committee for Bird Preservation which gives the details of work of the Committee (Appendix II).

2. The National Institute of Sciences of India were asked for their views on the proposal and have replied that India should join the International Committee for Bird Preservation and set up a National Committee to carry out the work. They consider that the Committee should work through the Zoological Survey of India.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture, who were also consulted consider that India should join the International Committee for

the purpose. They do not. however agree with the National Institute of Sciences that this committee should work through the Zoological Survey of India and suggest that the Committee should work through the Bombay Natural History Society, which has been doing outstanding work in the matter of bird preservation.

4. Each National Section under Article V, Section 4, of the rules of the Committee has to make an annual contribution of not less than £.2. sterling to the International Committee for Bird Preservation. If a National Section of the Committee is formed in India, India will have to pay £.2 (Approximately equal to Rs.26/10-8)

5. In view of the difference of opinion between the National Institute of Sciences and the Ministry of Agriculture, the case is submitted to the Advisory Committee for Co-ordinating Scientific Work for advice.

6. It would perhaps be best under present circumstances to entrust all work connected with the International Committee for Bird Preservation to the Department of Scientific Research. The Department would have to consult the Zoological Survey of India and the Bombay Natural History Society, whenever necessary.

APPENDIX I.

Copy of letter dated the 26th April. 1949 from the Secretary The International Committee for Bird Preservation, London, to Dr.Sir. S.S. Bhatnagar, National Institute of Sciences, Secretariat, New Delhi

It has been proposed that India be invited for form a National Section of the International Committee for Bird Preservation, and on behalf of the President of the International Committee, I have much pleasure in extending a warm invitation.

I am enclosing a copy of the Rules of the International Committee for Bird Preservation which you will see are quite simple. Though the number of societies on each National Section should not exceed eight it is not necessary to have this number; in fact some National Sections have only 3 or 4 societies and institutions and some only 2.

It is much hoped that India will be able to form a National Section in the near future as a Conference of all the National Sections of the world will be held in Sweden in June, 1950 and India's views and advice at that Conference would be greatly valued.

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APPENDIX II

BY- LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BIRD PRESERVATION.

ARTICLE I - Name.

This organisation shall be known as the International Committee for Bird Preservation.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

Its object shall be to stimulate interest in all countries for a more adequate protection of wild bird-life.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE

SECTION -1.

The Officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and one or more Secretaries.

SECTION 2.

The Executive shall be composed of the President of the International Committee, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairman of the various National Sections.

The Secretaries mentioned under Section 1 shall be the Secretaries of the Executive.

SECTION 3.

The executive shall represent the International Committee in all matters which may rise in connection with its work when the committee is not in session, but matters on urgency may be dealt with by the Officers as a body.

SECTION 4.

The President and the Vice Presidents shall be elected on or about June 1st by a majority vote of the Executive either by correspondence or by personal approval at a meeting of the Executive, this election to take place every two years commencing with June, 1922.

Beginning with 1938, Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall be inelegible for election for more than three consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

The Secretaries shall be appointed by the Executive every two years, but may be re-appointed without any restriction of time.

ARTICLE IV -MEETINGS

The International Committee shall meet at such times and such places as may be determined by the Executive.

ARTICLE V- NATIONAL SECTIONS:-

SECTION-I.

A National Section shall be composed of eight or less institutions, societies, and associations interested in the preservation of wild birds, and each may be represented by two delegates.

SECTION 2.

Any country, in which there is not already a National Section, may seek membership in the Committee by applying to the Executive which has power to accept or reject such application. All National Sections must notify the President of the Committee of their acceptance of the Committee's Declaration of Principles.

SECTION 3.

Each National Section shall elect a Chairman and effect such other details of organisation as its members may desire, Its activities and publications shall not be inconsistent with the Committee's Declaration of Principles.

SECTION 4.

Each National Section shall make an annual contribution towards the expenses of the International Committee of a sum not less than two pounds sterling

ARTICLE VI - CONTINENTAL SECTIONS:

When desired by the National Sections of the Inter-national Committee of any continent or continents, there may be formed a Continental Section, for example the European Section, the Pan-American Section, etc. The activities of such a Section shall not be incosistent with the Committee's Declaration of Principles.

ARTICLE VII -VOTING

At all meetings of the International Committee, each country represented at such meeting by one or more members of its National Section shall be entitled to one vote on all matters of business.

ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATIONS

The Officers of the International Committee shall from time to time publish bulletins and reports concerning the activities of the Committee and bird preservation in general.

ARTICLE IX -AMENDMENTS:

These By.Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regularly called meeting of the International Committee or at any other time by a majority vote of the Executive, provided that notice of such change has been mailed to all members of the Committee at least sixty days in advance.

ABSTRACT.

Forests Bird Preservation - Recommendation of the Advisory Committee for co-ordinating Scientific work.- Government of India- Letter communicated.

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